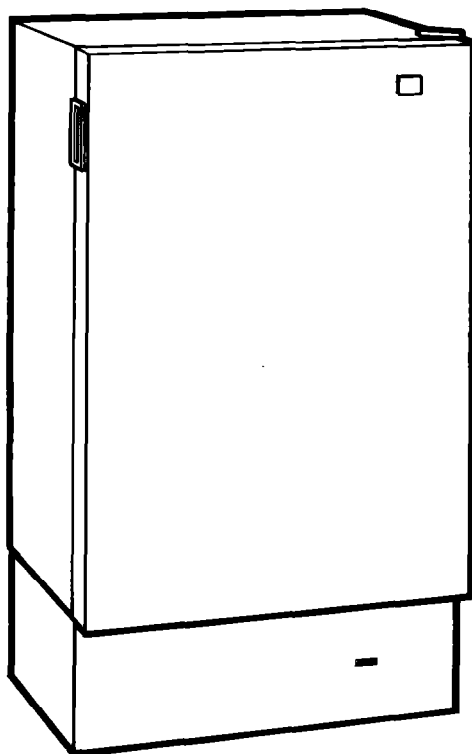


# use & care guide



## UPRIGHT FREEZER

Model EV090F

Freezers, Refrigerator-Freezers, Ice Makers, Dishwashers, Built-In Ovens and Surface Units, Ranges, Microwave Ovens, Trash Compactors, Room Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers

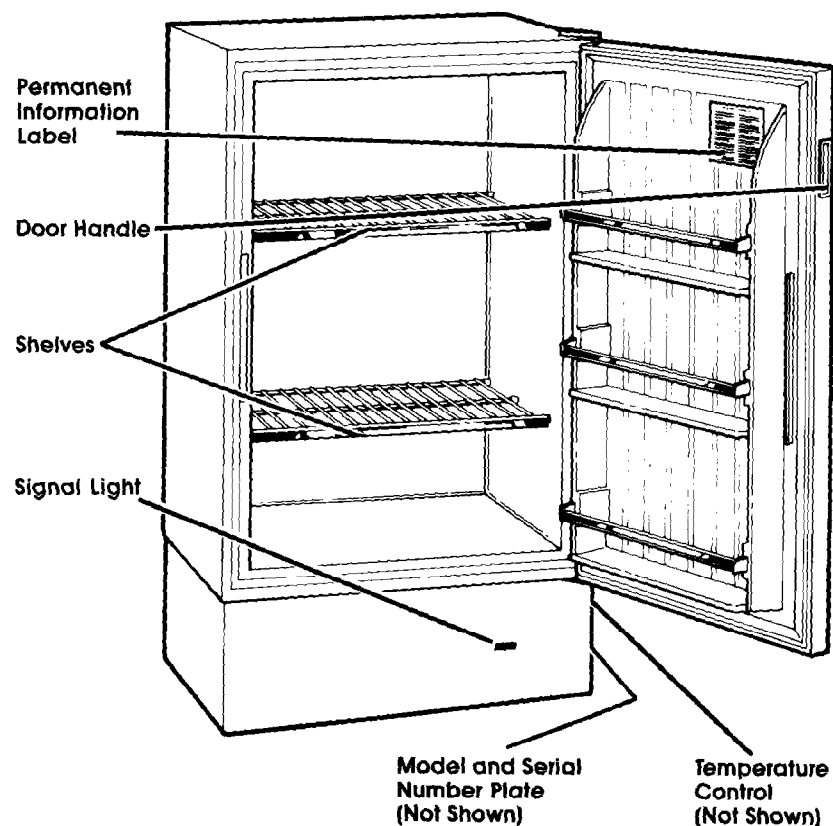


# Please read this Use and Care Guide before you do anything else...

This booklet tells you how to start your freezer, defrost it, clean it and adjust controls.

Treat your new freezer with care. Use it only to do what home freezers are designed to do.

## Parts and features



### Copy your Model and Serial Numbers here...

When you need service, or call with a question, have this information ready:

1. **Complete** Model and Serial Numbers (from the plate located as shown).
2. Purchase date from sales slip.

Copy this information in these spaces. Keep this book, your warranty and sales slip together in a handy place. There is no warranty registration to return. Proof-of-purchase is all that is required for in-warranty service.

Model Number \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Date \_\_\_\_\_

Service Company and Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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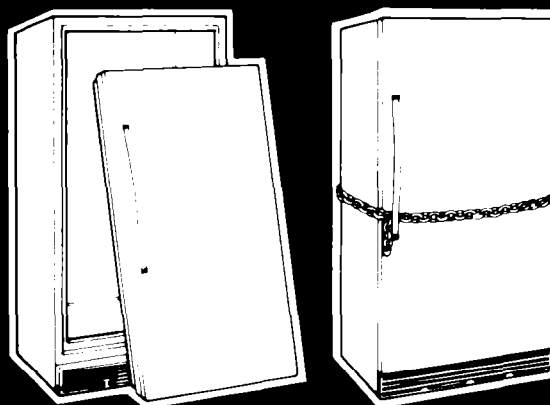
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## Safety first

Child entrapment and suffocation are not things of the past. Junked or abandoned freezers are still dangerous...even if they will "just sit in the garage a few days."

If you are getting rid of your old freezer, do it safely. Please read the enclosed safety booklet from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. Help prevent accidents.



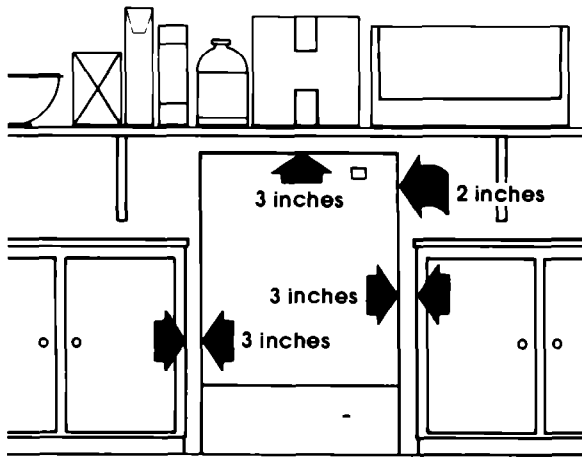
## Before you plug it in

### IMPORTANT

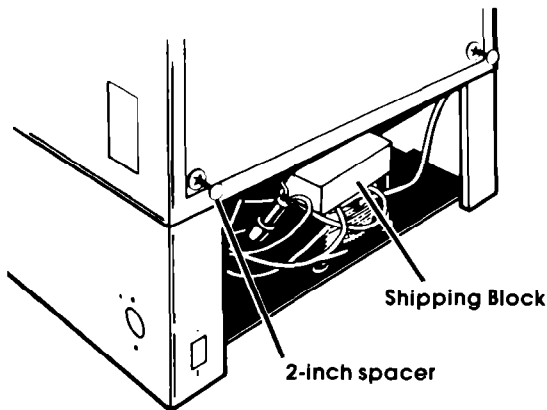
Before using your freezer, you are personally responsible for making sure that it...

- is installed and levelled on a floor that will hold the weight, and in an area suitable for its size and use.
- is connected only to the right kind of outlet, with the right electrical supply and grounding. (Refer to your "Electrical Requirements and Grounding Instructions.")
- is used only for jobs expected of home freezers.
- is not near an oven, radiator or other heat source.
- is properly maintained.
- is out of the weather.
- is used in an area where the room temperature will not exceed 110°F (43.3°C).
- is not run where there are explosive fumes.
- is not used by those who may not understand how it should be used.
- is not loaded with food before it has time to get properly cold.

## Install properly...



1. Check the strength of the floor. It should hold the weight of a fully loaded freezer.



2. **Pick a safe place, indoors, away from inflammables such as gasoline.**
3. Spacers are packed in the freezer. Install them as shown to keep freezer at least 2 inches (5 cm) from the wall.
4. Remove the shipping block.
5. Allow at least 3 inches (7.5 cm) air space on top and each side of the freezer.
6. Do not cover the freezer with items such as blankets, sheets, tablecloths, etc.

## Level freezer...

1. Slide freezer into place.
2. Level freezer using wood shims so that door will stay open at any position.

## Remove sales labels...

Remove the Consumer Buy Guide label and any **inside** labels before using the freezer.

### To remove any remaining glue:

1. Rub briskly with thumb to make a ball, then remove.

### OR

2. Soak area with dishwashing detergent solution (1 teaspoon detergent in 1 quart warm water) before removing glue as described in step 1.

**DO NOT USE rubbing alcohol or flammable or toxic solvents, such as acetone, gasoline, carbon tetrachloride, etc. These can damage the material.**

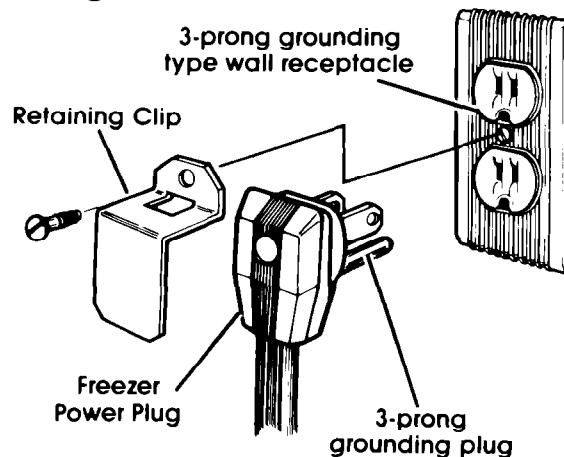
**NOTE: DO NOT REMOVE the Care and Service label on inside door or the Tech Sheet on back of cabinet.**

## Clean it...

Clean your freezer before using it. See cleaning instructions on page 6.



## Plug it in...



### Recommended Grounding Method

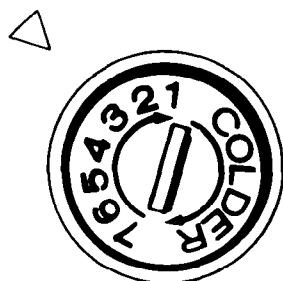
A 115 Volt, 60 Hz., AC only 15 or 20 ampere fused and properly grounded electrical supply is required. It is recommended that a separate circuit serving only this appliance be provided. **Use a receptacle which cannot be turned off with a switch or pull chain. Do not use an extension cord.**

Attach retaining clip over power cord plug from literature package inside the freezer.

# Using your freezer

## Setting the temperature control...

1. Insert a coin in the slot of the Temperature Control to turn it.
2. Turn control to Number 3. This setting is designed to maintain the temperature at or near 0°F (-17.8°C) under normal operating conditions.



## Adjusting the temperature control...

1. Turn control to higher number for colder temperatures.
2. Turn to lower number for less cold temperatures.

## Cooling freezer first...

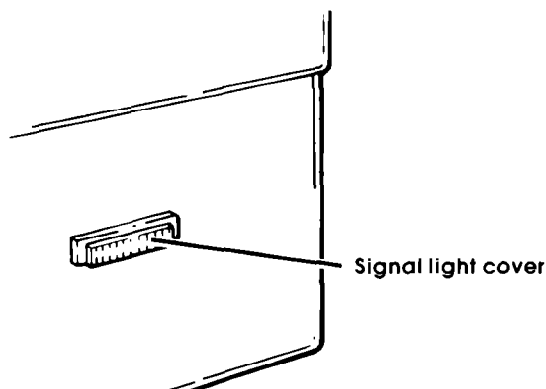
1. Allow freezer to cool 6 to 8 hours before filling with **frozen food**.
2. Let it cool overnight before adding large amount of **unfrozen food**.

**Note:** When freezer is first started, the compressor will run constantly until the cabinet is cooled. It may take up to 6 to 8 hours or longer, depending on room temperature and the number of times the freezer door is opened.

After the cabinet is cooled, the compressor will turn ON and OFF as needed to keep the freezer at the proper temperature.

## The signal light...

automatically warns of any unexpected power failure.



If the signal light is not glowing, immediately check:

- for power interruption,
- for an unplugged power cord,
- for a burned out signal light.

### To replace:

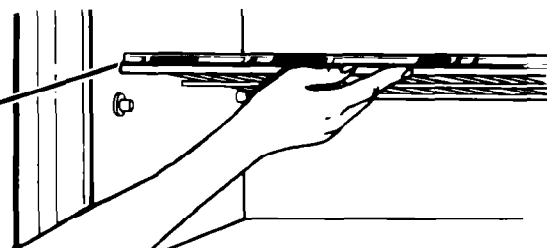
1. Unplug power cord from outlet.
2. Carefully snap out light cover and assembly with a screwdriver by inserting it under the end of metal edge of the light. Be careful not to chip finish on freezer.
3. Unplug burned out signal light and replace with a new one. Signal light can be ordered from your WHIRLPOOL dealer.
4. Then, snap light assembly into place.
5. Plug power cord into outlet.

## Removing the freezer shelves...

### To move shelf:

1. Lift front slightly.
2. Lift back off rear supports.
3. Replace shelf in reverse order on desired support level.

Lift the Front  
Then the Back.



## Energy saving tips...

You can help your freezer use less electricity.

- Check door gasket and level freezer to assure a good door seal.
- Keep door openings to a minimum. Remove several items at one time. Keep contents organized to eliminate searching.
- Fill to capacity. Follow recommended procedures for freezing foods. See pages 7 and 8.

- Set Temperature Control to provide temperatures around 0°F (-17.8°C). There is no need to store foods below 0°F.
- Do not let frost build up to more than ¼ inch (6 mm) thick. Efficiency is reduced.

# Cleaning your freezer

This freezer should be cleaned when frost has built up to about ¼ inch (6 mm) thickness. Complete defrosting and cleaning should be done at least once a year. In high humidity areas, a freezer may need more frequent defrosting.

### To defrost and clean:

- 1. Unplug power cord.
- 2. Take out all food and removable parts.

**Note:** Wrap frozen foods and packages in several layers of newspaper and cover with blanket. Food will stay frozen several hours.

- 3. Place pans of hot water inside freezer to speed melting of frost. Keep door open. Ice can be removed in large pieces as it melts. Direct air from electric fan into freezer to speed defrosting

- 4. Clean freezer according to the following directions.

### After defrosting:

- 1. Plug in power cord.
- 2. Return food packages.

## Cleaning chart...

Part	What to use	How to clean
Removable parts (shelves)	Sponge or cloth; mild detergent and warm water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wash with warm water and a mild detergent.</li><li>• Rinse and dry.</li></ul>
Outside	Sponge, cloth or paper towel; mild detergent; appliance wax (or good auto paste wax).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wash with warm water and a mild detergent.</li><li>• <b>Do not use abrasive or harsh cleansers.</b></li><li>• Rinse and dry.</li><li>• Wax painted metal surfaces at least twice a year with appliance wax or a good auto paste wax. Apply wax with a clean, soft cloth.</li><li>• <b>Do not use wax on plastic parts.</b></li></ul>
<b>Waxing painted metal surfaces provides rust protection.</b>		
Inside walls	Plastic scraper, pans of hot water, electric fan, sponge or towel, baking soda and warm water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use plastic scraper to remove frost.</li><li>• Place pans of hot water in freezer with door open to speed melting. Directing air from an electric fan into freezer will also help.</li><li>• Wash with solution of 2 tablespoons (26 g) baking soda to 1 quart (.95 L) warm water.</li><li>• Rinse and dry.</li><li>• <b>Do not use abrasive or harsh cleansers.</b></li></ul>
<b>DO NOT USE an ice pick, knife or other sharp-pointed tool or any type of electric defroster to defrost freezer. They can cause damage to the liner and interior parts.</b>		
Door liner and gasket	Sponge, soft cloth or paper towel; mild detergent and warm water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wash with warm water and mild detergent.</li><li>• Rinse and dry.</li></ul>
<b>DO NOT USE cleaning waxes, concentrated detergents, bleaches or cleansers containing petroleum on plastic because they may damage these parts.</b>		

## Freezing food in your freezer



When freezer has cooled to a safe storage temperature, it may be loaded with **frozen food**.

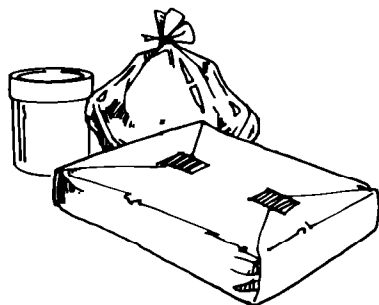
When you plan to freeze **unfrozen food**, see the following chart for the amount to freeze at **one time**.

POUNDS OF FOOD TO FREEZE AT ONE TIME*		
Size of Freezer	Meat or Fish	Vegetables or Fruit
9 cu. ft. . (255 L)	18 lbs. (8.1 kg)	27 lbs. (12.2 kg)

\*These amounts are based on USDA recommendations. If too many packages of unfrozen food are packed at one time into the freezer, the rate of freezing is too slow. Poor quality products result.

### Packaging and sealing food...

Airtight packaging is important in freezing foods. Containers and wrappings should be moisture and vapor-proof and packages should be sealed carefully to keep moisture in and air out.

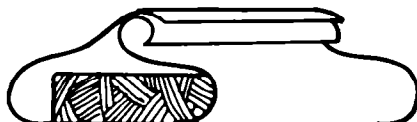


Freezer burn can result if food is not properly wrapped. When this happens, food dehydrates and is of poor quality.

### To wrap foods...



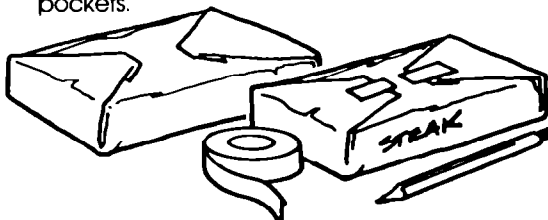
1. Cut sheet of wrapping material about one-third longer than distance around food to be wrapped. Place wrapping sheet on flat surface with food in center of sheet.



2. Bring front and back of wrapping together and fold in toward food, making at least two one-inch (2.5 cm) folds until food fits tightly against wrapping.



3. Crease ends close to food to eliminate air pockets.



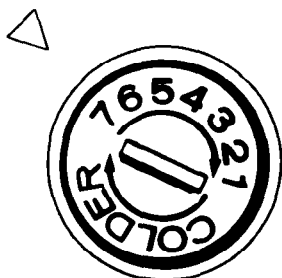
4. Press all air from package. Fold each end over twice. Make sure fold is tight and fasten against end of package with freezer tape.

**NOTE:** When packaging meats that have not been boned, pad sharp edges with extra wrap or use stockinette to protect against tearing or puncturing.

Use heavy-duty aluminum freezer foil, kraft paper with cellophane bonded to it, special freezer bags, jars, cartons and freezer sealing tape for packaging your food items. You'll find them at the supermarket or freezer dealer.

**See booklet, "How to Preserve Foods the Modern Way with Your WHIRLPOOL Freezer," for complete information and tips on home freezing.**

## Loading...



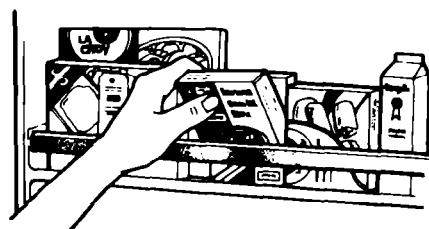
1. Before freezing large quantities of food, turn Temperature Control to highest setting and let freezer operate for several hours. **After loading all food items, return Temperature Control to the usual setting.**



2. To speed freezing, lay packages in a single layer so each rests on the surface of a shelf. Leave space between packages.
3. Add more unfrozen food after first load is frozen (approximately 18 to 24 hours).

## Storing frozen food...

After food is frozen, stack packages anywhere in the freezer. Packages should not extend beyond the shelf edge or they may keep the door from closing and sealing properly.



**Door storage** – Store packages on the door shelves behind the retaining bar.



# Vacation and moving care

## Vacations...

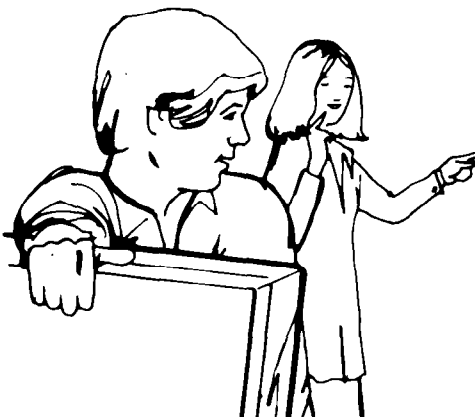
Arrange for someone to make regular checks of your freezer to make sure it is operating and electricity has not been interrupted.



## Shutting off and moving...

**If freezer is shut off for more than 24 hours:**

1. Remove and store all food.
2. Unplug freezer.
3. Clean and defrost. See "Cleaning your freezer," page 6.
4. Block door open for air circulation. Place blocks between door and cabinet and tape in place with self-adhesive filament tape.



**If you move the freezer:**

1. Do not place objects inside or on top of cabinet.
2. Level properly to ensure good door seal.

**WARNING: Do not allow children near the freezer when the door is blocked open. They may become injured or trapped.**

To restart freezer, see "Using your freezer," page 5.

# If you need service or assistance, we suggest you follow these four steps:

## 1. Before calling for assistance...

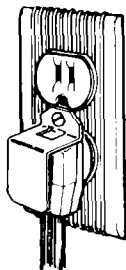
Performance problems often result from little things you can find and fix yourself without tools of any kind.

### If electricity goes off:

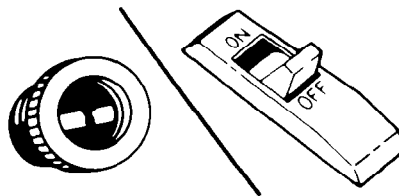
Learn how long power will be off by calling the power company.

- If service is to be interrupted 24 hours or less, keep freezer closed. Most food will stay frozen.
- If service is to be interrupted longer than 24 hours, do this:
  1. Remove all unfrozen food and store in a frozen food locker. **OR...**
  2. Place 2 lbs. (0.9 kg) of dry ice in freezer for every cu. ft. of freezer space. This will keep frozen foods for 2 to 4 days. Wear gloves to protect your hands from dry ice burns.
  3. If neither food locker storage or dry ice is available, use or can perishable food at once.
- The length of time food will stay frozen depends on several factors. For instance: a full freezer will remain cold longer than a freezer partially filled. And a freezer full of meat will stay cold longer than a freezer filled with baked goods. Also, if the food still contains ice crystals, it may be safely refrozen, although the quality and flavor may be affected. Use this food as soon as convenient. If the condition of the food is poor or is in any way questionable, it is wise to dispose of it.

### If freezer stops running:



- Check to see if power cord is plugged into the outlet.



- Check fuse box or circuit breaker.
- Check electric company for a power failure.
- Be sure Temperature Control is turned ON.

### If motor seems to run too long

1. If large amounts of unfrozen food have been put into the freezer, motor will run longer.
2. On hot summer days or if room is hot, motor will run longer to provide correct amount of cooling.

### If freezer feels warm

During normal operating conditions the freezer transfers heat removed from food packages and air space to the outside room air. The freezer cabinet may feel warm.

## 2. If you need assistance\*...

Call Whirlpool COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone number. Dial free from:

Continental U.S. .... (800) 253-1301  
Michigan ..... (800) 632-2243  
Alaska & Hawaii ..... (800) 253-1121

and talk with one of our trained Consultants. The Consultant can instruct you in how to obtain satisfactory operation from your appliance or, if service is necessary, recommend a qualified service company in your area.

## 3. If you need service\*...



Whirlpool has a nationwide network of franchised TECH-CARE® Service Companies. TECH-CARE service technicians are trained to fulfill the product warranty and provide after-warranty service, anywhere in the United States. To locate

TECH-CARE service in your area, call our COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) or look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under:

**APPLIANCES – HOUSEHOLD-  
MAJOR – SERVICE & REPAIR**

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MAJOR – REPAIRING & PARTS**

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## 4. If you have a problem\*...

Call our COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) and talk with one of our Consultants, or if you prefer, write to:

Mr. Stephen E. Upton  
Senior Vice President  
Whirlpool Corporation  
Administrative Center  
2000 US-33 North  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

\*If you must call or write, please provide: model number, serial number, date of purchase, and a complete description of the problem. This information is needed in order to better respond to your request for assistance.



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